CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
1987-88

1. The major international story at CU in 1987-88 was undoubtedly the signing of a ground-breaking agreement between Concordia's Faculty of Fine Arts and Poland's Ministry of Culture. The five year entente provides for a wide range of academic and cultural exchange activities in both the visual and performing arts with twenty-two leading Fine Arts institutions in Poland. Major events relating to the Polish exchange included the June 1987 visit to CU by a high-level delegation led by Tadeusz W. Mlynczak, Vice-Chairman of Poland's Council of State; the January 1988 visit to Poland of a CU delegation led by former Vice-Rector Academic Dr. F.R. Whyte; the March 1988 visit to CU of the Polish Ambassador to Canada His Excellency Alojzy Bartoszek; and the May 1988 visit of a three-member Polish Fine Arts delegation led by Dr. Edmund Heza, Director of the Department of Art Education at the Ministry of Culture.

2. CU's Faculty of Commerce and Administration began to develop a cooperative relationship with Goteborg University in Sweden. In the Spring of 1988, thirty-eight students spent two months in residence at CU's Loyola Campus. Among other activities, the students enrolled in Professor M. Bergier's Marketing course and in conjunction with this course, the students organized a Swedish Cultural Day which brought the Swedish Ambassador to Canada to our campus

3. CU hosted a June 1988 visit by the first academic delegation ever to visit Canada from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The three delegation from the Korean Academy of Social Sciences stopped in Montreal to explore the feasibility of future faculty and student exchanges in the Social Sciences.

4. CU awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D) to Dr. Wei Yu, one of China's leading academics at its June 1988 convocation. Dr. Wei is President of Southeast University which is CU's partner in a widely-publicized, innovative joint doctoral program with our Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science.

5. CU is one of the most active Canadian universities in China, with formal exchange relationships with eight leading Chinese institutions of higher education. In 1987-88, CU hosted three major Chinese education delegations. A six-member delegation from the National Natural Sciences Foundation of China (NNSFC) visited CU in October 1987 in order to encourage CU's participation in a newly signed scientific exchange agreement between NNSFC and NSERC; Dr. E.B. Newman of our Biology Department and Dr. C.H. Langford of our Chemistry Department were named as two of Canada's first participants in this exchange program. CU also hosted the important visit of a high-level, twelve-member delegation from the State Education Commission of

China. Finally, in June 1988, CU welcomed a return visit from Dr. Huang Xinbai, Senior Commissioner of the State Education Commission, who has played a critical role in the development of our innovative joint doctoral program with Southeast University.

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